

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 966

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A RESOLUTION relative to the recommendations of the Joint Study Committee on Refugee Issues.

WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee on Refugee Issues was appointed by the respective speakers to address the impact of the federal government's migrant relocation program on Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee found that although the federal government's transparency with state and local officials is always important in our republic, it is particularly critical during the present crisis involving unaccompanied alien children; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has made a two-fold recommendation to ensure transparency by the federal government relative to placement of unaccompanied alien children; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to endorse the recommendations of the Joint Study Committee on Refugee Issues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in the interest of transparency, we urge and encourage the federal government to seek approval from the State of Tennessee prior to locating unaccompanied alien children within our State's borders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our unqualified support for the "Migrant Resettlement Transparency Act" (S. 1865 H.R. 3659, 117th Congress) and urge the United States Congress to pass this landmark legislation, which requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security to consult in advance with state and

local officials of impacted jurisdictions regarding federally administered or funded migrant resettlement and also requires the President to submit to Congress and governors a monthly, state-specific report regarding the resettlement, transportation, or relocation of illegal aliens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.